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PLANNING ACTIVITIES
FOR 1974-75

ABAG

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To help citizens understand ABAG programs, this guide has been prepared to indicate the range of activities undertaken by ABAG's staff. The pages that follow contain program "nuggets" for each major ABAG planning activity. Additional information on most programs is contained in a document produced by ABAG, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Bay Area district of the California Department of Transportation: Bay Area Regional Planning Overall Work Program 1974-79, available in the ABAG library. The chart on the last page shows how ABAG is organized to plan.

The planning activities are divided into major categories, such as human services, and then into subcategories, such as "impacts on special population groups."

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

Regional Plan Development: Revising the Regional Plan will be the primary focus of this program. Staff working in this program will conduct special land use and transportation studies as part of the joint program with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. "Subregional" or "corridor" issues will be reviewed. Key policies like the city-centered concept, open space and housing objectives of ABAG's Regional Plan will be more adequately defined.

Growth Policy: This three-year program will secure agreements among government units for coordinated regional and local policies on management of the region's population growth. The program developed a continuing series of projections of population, jobs and land use reflecting city and county growth policies. ABAG's Regional Planning Committee is reviewing the current projections. Work on projections and models for land use, jobs, etc., is carried out by a team of ABAG and MTC planners.

DISASTER PLANNING

Disaster Planning: This is a one-year program on regional emergency preparedness. ABAG will gather information on possible Bay Area disasters, their effects and efforts to minimize damage. A method for local governments

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to estimate risks from various disasters will be prepared, and local officials will be able to use this information in an all-hazards approach to emergency preparedness. A plan will be prepared so ABAG can aid in coordinating and supporting the Bay Area's emergency organizations.

HUMAN SERVICES

Impacts on Special Population Groups: Effects of regional plans and policies on particular population groups such as minority, low-income, elderly and handicapped Bay Area residents are being studied, and policy recommendations will be made concerning the needs of special population groups. Critical issues will be identified and suggestions made to address employment, mobility, housing and human services needs.

Capacity Building Project: This project focuses on local government planning for improved human services such as manpower, health and education. During the project's first year, ABAG will determine its potential regional role, develop criteria for review of federal grant applications in human services and recommend a regional human services planning process. The project is part of a statewide effort to devise and improve human services delivery systems. Other participants are the League of California Cities, the County Supervisors Association of California, the Western Regional Citizen Participation Council, the Western Federal Regional Council and the State of California.

Contracted Joint Program for Comprehensive Health Planning: ABAG and the Bay Area Comprehensive Health Planning Council will assist counties in developing parts of a regional emergency medical services response system. This system will also be compatible and integrated with comprehensive disaster plans of local and state governments.

Expanded Joint Program for Comprehensive Health Planning: This program expands comprehensive health planning to develop improved accessibility to health care services, and to improve the collection and use of health care data.

Employment Planning Coordination: This program will aim at achieving better coordination between employment training programs and labor market demands. It also will improve the quality of and accessibility to regional information on Bay Area employment programs. The information will be provided to the Bay Area Comprehensive Employment and Training Act programs.

Criminal Justice Planning Coordination: This project will gather information on the jailed population in the Bay Area. Working relationships are being established with the six Regional Criminal Justice Planning Boards to improve cooperative arrangements among criminal justice systems in the region.

URBANIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Regional Housing Planning: This program will develop, adopt and implement a regional plan to meet housing needs, assist in the amenable location of new housing and contribute to the conservation of existing housing.

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Existing and proposed federal and state housing programs will be reviewed for their cost and effectiveness in meeting regional housing needs. Phase I of the Regional Housing Plan is being reviewed by the public. A pilot program to demonstrate the development of a housing conservation program based on ABAG's 1973-74 housing conservation study is being carried out in El Cerrito.

Urbanization Policy Planning: This program will develop regional policies and plans to provide guidelines for where, when, and what type of development should occur in the Bay Area. The program will include liaison with local planning staffs and will incorporate regional criteria for review of local housing developments. An examination of public institutions controlling development will help the program determine the appropriate regional role for ABAG.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

Resources Planning and Management: This program will establish a procedure for integrating functional air and water quality plans into the regional planning process. Staff will identify lands having resource, public safety, recreational and scenic importance. The program will apply regional objectives to planning for the Bay Region's coastal areas. Staff will develop environmental data and work with other regional agencies to insure that the Regional Plan's policies are expressed in other planning programs.

Land Capability: The production of safer and more geologically sensitive development plans will be encouraged by providing earth science data to local development planners. The program will study natural hazards of the Bay Area and develop an environmental atlas and maps of land capability.

Joint Airport Planning Program: The goal of this program is to update (as necessary) and implement the ABAG Regional Airport Systems Plan as part of the land use and transportation planning programs carried out jointly by ABAG and MTC. The program will also produce special technical studies and provide technical support for review of all airport-related projects.

Integrated Land Use/Air Quality/Water Pollution Control Study: This study, to be carried out in Sonoma County, will determine how federal, state and local policies related to air and water quality affect land use. A set of land use planning tools that respond to the limitations on air and water quality will be developed.

ANALYSIS

Geographic Research: This program exists to improve and expand ABAG data on land use and land availability, and to provide accurate geographically represented data for member cities and counties and ABAG planning programs. Data in both tabular and map form will be improved.

Socio-Economic Research: Providing technical support for ABAG planning and that of member cities and counties is the focus of this program. Major work during this year includes analyzing patterns, characteristics and causes of population migration; revising regional population and economic projections; and improving ABAG's ability to estimate the economic impact of regional policies.

Model Development and Applications: The objectives of this program are to expand and refine the existing capacity to forecast the effects of a range of regional and local policies on the magnitude, type and location of urban growth and change. The program will also expand ABAG's capacity to analyze major policies on housing location and quality, transportation access and local government fiscal capacity.

Fiscal Research: This program will develop the capacity to aid member cities and counties in analyzing the fiscal impacts of new local developments and will investigate the regional implications of various fiscal and taxing policies at the federal, state and local levels.

The following proposed ABAG programs have not yet been funded.

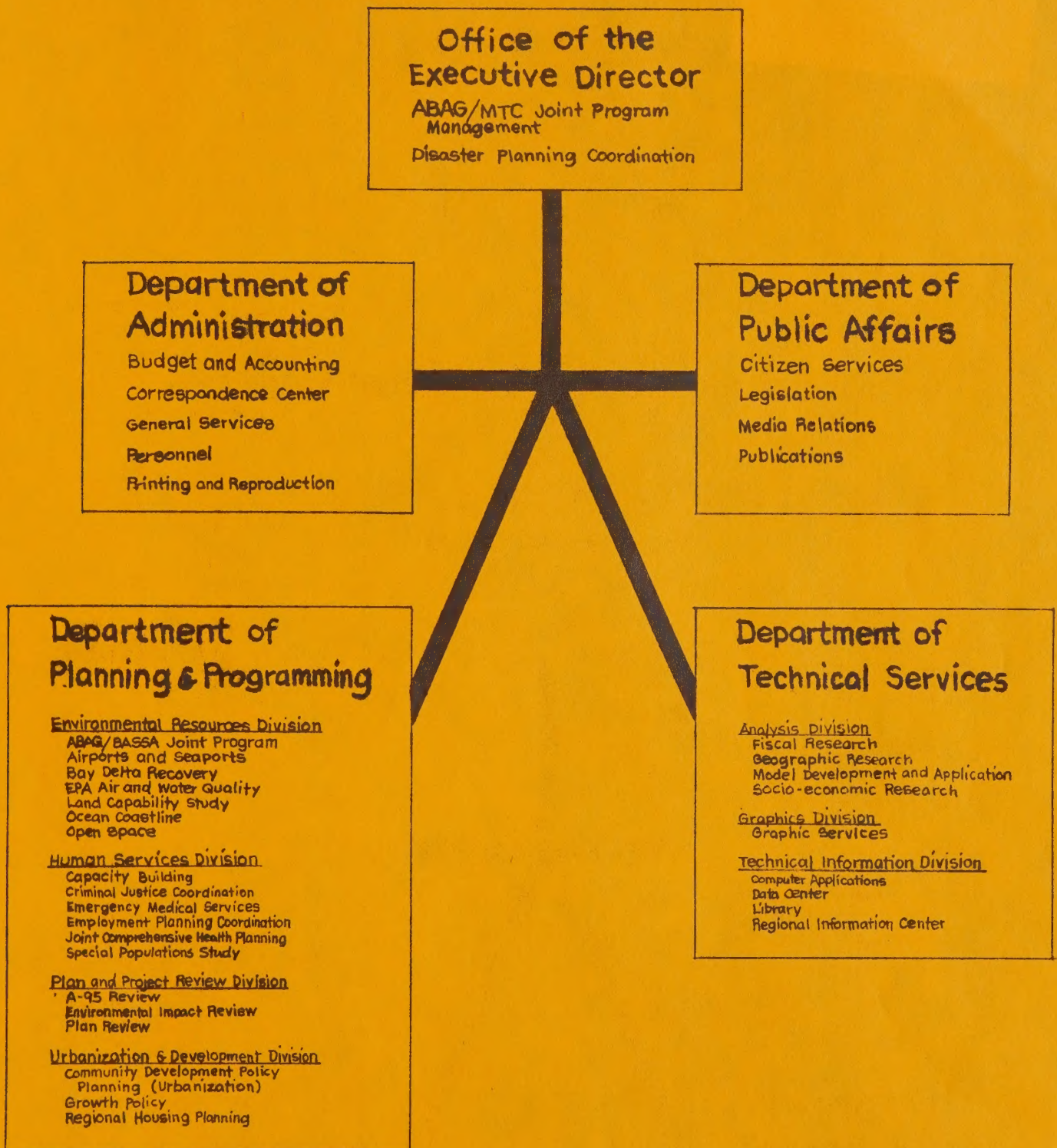
Joint-ABAG/BASSA Program: This program would improve the capacity of ABAG and the Bay Area Sewage Services Agency to relate small area population forecasts to the sizing of sewage facilities.

Human Services Effectiveness Measurement Project: Criteria to measure the effectiveness of human services programs at the local level would be developed. The project would also detail private and public human services programs in the Bay Area and detail the specific local goals for these programs.

Bay Delta Resource Recovery: Incorporating regional comprehensive planning considerations into county, subregional and regional solid waste planning, and providing administrative and staff support for a pilot waste management program under the Bay Delta Resource Recovery Board are contemplated by this proposal. The State of California has appropriated \$2.3 million for the Bay Delta project, which must be matched by federal funds before the project can begin.

Regional Telecommunications Program: This program would provide policy makers with additional citizen input and use cable television for information dissemination about regional issues. ABAG would provide programming on regional issues for the pilot project and conduct applied research on the uses of cable television.

ABAG Function and Program Structure



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